

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 12 and 15 through 21 are pending, with Claims 1, 12, 15, and 17 being independent. Claims 1 through 11 and 15 through 17 were allowed. Claim 12 has been amended to attend to a formal matter, viz, the changing of "4S" to --4F-- to maintain consistency with the December 20, 2002 Amendment. Favorable consideration in this regard is earnestly solicited.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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